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BIRTHS

Mary Ellen Dailey, Nov. 30, 1869
Jno. W. Dailey, Jan. 4, 1870
Cora Belle Dailey, March 7, 1893
Mamie Josephine Dailey, Sept. 16, 1898
Lillian Olivia Dailey, March 8, 1902
Jno. Forest Dailey, Aug. 25, 1905

DEATHS

Cora Bell Rea
Died April 12, 1928

John Washington Dailey
Died Dec. 4, 1945

Mary Ellen Dailey
Died March 20, 1952

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MEMORANDA

Grandson: Louis Bernard Delmas 10/15/20
Granddaughter: Evelyn Rose Delmas, 8-19-21
Matthew O'Brien Delmas, Aug. 1923
John Forest Dailey, Nov. 10, 1925
Benton Carleton Dailey, Mar. 12, 1928
Vivian Deloris Dailey, Mar. 12, 1930
Francis Eugene Dailey, April, 1933
Great Grandchildren: Louis Bernard Delmas, Jr. Ap. 1949
John Francis Marie, Jan. 1950
Sherrie Dailey
Matthew O'Brien Delmas, Jr. March 7, 1952

MARRIAGES

Mary Ellen Devers and Jno. W. Dailey, married Feb. 7th, 1892
Lillian O. Dailey and Mathew O. Delmas, married June 9, 1919
Cora B. Dailey and Samuel L. Rea, married Aug. 1919
Mamie J. Dailey and James Jaycox, married July, 1922
John Forest Dailey and Lola Nell King, married Dec. 20, 1924

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Fish camp owner slowing down, but not ready to retire

By DON BROADUS

Mississippi Press Staff

GAUTIER — John Dailey, who operates Sioux Bayou Fish Camp, isn't ready to retire but he admits he has slowed down a bit.

"I'm still hanging in there," said Dailey, 84, who has left his mark on Jackson County since he signed up for his first job at age 12.

"I may have held more jobs and been in more businesses than any man in Jackson County," he said.

Born in Escatawpa, Dailey's first job was with D.K. McInnis and Company of Moss Point.

"I was 12 and I delivered (medical) prescriptions and newspapers on my bicycle," Dailey said. "A basketful of Sunday papers (New Orleans *Times Picayune*) weighed about



JOHN DAILEY as he appeared when he was 28 running a number of businesses in and around Jackson County.

100 pounds. I would deliver them from downtown Moss Point to See FISH CAMP Page 4 ►

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"Kreole along a slag road."

The son of John W. Dailey, who was born in Escatawpa in 1870, and the former Mary Ellen Devers, Dailey has been married for 65 years to the former Lola Nell King. They had four children, three boys and a girl. The oldest boy, John Dailey Jr., is deceased.

"I went to work at Martin's Veneer Mill at age 13," Dailey said. "I worked at age 14 as a rivet passer at International Shipyard and worked up to rivet heater."

When the shipyard closed after World War I, Dailey worked with his father salvaging sinkers (logs that had sunk) in the Pascagoula River. "My father worked on the river all his life and could tell by probing what kind of a log was under the water. If it was hardwood, we left it."

Following his job on the river, Dailey went to work for Harry Wilhelm at age 15, operating a big timber crane before signing on at the U.S. Government Shipyard in Pascagoula as a rivet heater.

"I started taking a correspondent course for an electrician when I was about 17," Dailey said.

The course enabled Dailey to land a job at the Moss Point paper mill where he worked for 18 years. When he resigned from the job because of his growing business interests, Dailey was subbing as chief electrician and doing all the motor rewinding.

After he was employed at the paper mill, Dailey was married, built a home and a service station on what is now Main Street in Moss Point. "It was where Vernon's Pawn Shop is located," he said.

"When my business got to interfering with my work at the paper mill, I resigned," he said.

Despite his business interests, which grew from the service station to include a grocery store and nine beverage stores and lounges, Dailey found time to wire houses after a power line was run from Kreole to Escatawpa.

"I was granted a permit by the



ENTREPRENEUR John Dailey relaxes with his wife of 65 years, the former Lola Nell King, at their home on Sioux Bayou in Gautier.

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Interstate Commerce Commission in the 1940s to haul gasoline with over-the-road tankers from Alabama to points in Mississippi," Dailey said. "I hauled aviation gas to Keesler, to Key Field in Meridian and Laurel and to bulk oil plants."

Dailey then went into the wholesale beer business and had warehouses in Moss Point and Gulfport. "I had five counties to serve," he said.

During his spare time, Dailey used his electrical knowledge to invent two gadgets and applied for patents on them.

He was granted patents pending status and made and sold the devices, one of which was contact replacement for cab lights on trucks, which allowed the repair of cab lights for a fraction of the cost of replacement. However, he was denied patents.

Then in the late 1940s Dailey

sponsored the Pure Oil softball team which dominated local play and lost the title game for the state championship.

"In 1945, I purchased the Singing River Fishing Camp, along with about 200 acres of land, and moved to Gautier," Dailey said. The fish camp was in the Martin Bluff area.

Dailey opened and operated a shipyard with a 100-ton travel lift in Gautier and built several boats, one of which was a 45-foot crew boat which operates out of Louisiana and was half owned by Dailey.

"We built a dredge boat which we named *City of Ocean Springs*. Our first job was to dredge out the Ocean Springs harbor for the late (supervisor) Mr. Fred Moran. I also had three grocery stores and cafes.

"I have sold over 500 pieces of property on which I affixed my name. I have the honor of having

two roads named after me by the planning commission, Dailey Road and John Dailey Drive.

Dailey now owns and operates Sioux Bayou Fishing Camp and Trailer Park and says, "I may be the oldest live bait dealer in Jackson County.

"I am not proud of it, but I went only to the third grade in school and never went more than 45 days a year."

Dailey is justly proud of his children's accomplishments in athletics.

"My two sons were fine football and track players and my daughter, Dell, was tied for the state record in the 50-yard dash for many years."

Dailey now spends much of his time taking care of his invalid wife and 91-year-old sister, Mammie Josephine Gainer, who enjoy their second-story view of Sioux Bayou and surrounding marshes.

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DAILY

Mr. Robert Dally — A native of Camden, Alabama and a resident of Mobile, Alabama for more than 26 years, Mobile Terrace, passed away Wednesday, March 31, 1971 at 1:15 p.m. at his late residence, 7230 2nd Street. His survivors are his devoted wife, Mrs. Maggie B. Dally; two daughters, Miss Agnes Dally, Mobile and Mrs. Amelia Spies, Fairhope, Alabama; one son, Mr. Willie Lee Dally, Mobile; one sister, Mrs. Mary Beverly, Camden, Alabama; a brother-in-law, Mr. William Craig, Beverly, Camden, Alabama; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Dally, Havre DeGrace, Md.; step-daughter, Mrs. Rita Mae Washington, Mobile; 33 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, six step grandchildren, 11 step great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, 2 devoted friends, Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Harris, Mobile. He was a member and deacon of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Mobile Terrace and also a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 7. His remains will lie in state in the New Jerusalem Baptist Church Sunday, April 4, 1971 at 6 p.m. until time for the funeral. Funeral services will be held from the Church Monday, April 5, 1971, at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. C. H. Harris pastor and officiating minister. Interment will follow in the Oaklawn Cemetery. Hodge's Funeral Chapel directing. (Successors to Smith and Gaston) Taylor H. Hodge Sr., Pres. — At new location 701 Davis Ave. Off-street parking for 500 cars during wake service. Hospitality Coffee served during wakes.

Dally, Robert

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DAILEY—Funeral services for MRS. NANCY JANE DAILEY, widow of the late John W. Dailey, who died Friday, were held at the Benevolent home Saturday at 4 p.m., with Dr. M. R. Fletcher, of the Oakdale Baptist church, officiating. Pallbearers were: Paul West, T. W. Phares, Edward W. Lewis and C. J. Louisell. The interment was in Magnolia cemetery with Roche mortuary directing.

MRS. MARY ELIZABETH DAILEY
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Vinson, 85, widow of the late T. J. Dailey, native of Camden, Ala., and a resident of Mobile for the past seven years, died at the residence, 311 South Washington avenue yesterday morning at 1:50 o'clock. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Frank Gambrel, Mrs. J. M. Williamson and Mrs. Ira Hall; one son, T. J. Dailey, all of Mobile; several grandchildren and other relatives. Her funeral took place yesterday evening at 7 o'clock from the Roche mortuary, with Rev. C. B. Arendall, of the Dauphin Way Baptist church officiating. The remains were taken by the Roche mortuary this (Friday) morning to Mexia, Ala., where interment will be made.